



MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY
WATER SUPPLY
PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2018 Report of the
Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply
Protection Advisory Committee

History and Purpose of MRVWSPAC

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee (MRVWSPAC) was established in 1980 by the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester. The organization grew out of a concern for the aquifer underlying the Mattapoissett River watershed, from which all four towns draw water supplies. Special legislation was enacted in 1983 (Chapter 407) formalizing the Committee.

The MRVWSPAC is made up of three (3) representatives from each town for a total of 12 members. The MRVWSPAC holds public meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works in Fairhaven.

Addition of new representatives for the Towns of Fairhaven, Marion and Rochester was required in 2018, due to the retirement of Alfred Raphael, Rob Zora, and Fred Underhill. The MRVWSPAC acknowledges and thanks these members for their many years of dedication and commitment.

Mattapoissett River Valley Aquifer

The Mattapoissett River and its aquifer provide fresh water for water supply, recreation and agriculture to portions of the entirety of five communities in Bristol and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts. In 2018, our aquifer supplied approximately 1.76 million gallons per day for domestic and commercial users in the towns of Mattapoissett, Fairhaven, Marion and Rochester.

Summary of 2018 MRVWSPAC Accomplishments

Mattapoissett River Monitoring/Protection:

- Approved funding of \$100,000 for permanent protection of 28-acres of land located in the Zone II watershed. The Randall property is located off Acushnet Road in Mattapoissett, Map 21, Lots 68 & 78
- Monitored stream flow and water levels in numerous locations along the Mattapoissett River. Maintained a database of critical water level data.
- Funded Annual Mattapoissett River Hydrologic Monitoring Report

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- Environmental review of projects in the Mattapoissett River Valley:
 - Reviewed plans for the following projects within the watershed and sent comment letters to respective planning boards in Mattapoissett and Rochester:
 1. ANR 78 Burgess Avenue in Rochester
 2. ANR Estabrook Way off Walnut Plain Road in Rochester
 3. ANR Featherbed Lane in Rochester
 4. ANR Neck Road in Rochester

The MRVWSPAC wishes to recognize the members of its consulting team for their excellent work and contributions in 2018:

Tata & Howard	<i>Lead environmental consultant</i>
David Watling	<i>Mattapoissett River Valley monitoring and data collection</i>
Meagan McCarthy	<i>Data reduction and graphing</i>
Nettles Design	<i>MRVWSPAC website management</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Fairhaven Committee Members

Vinnie Furtado, Chairman
Jeffrey Furtado
Mark Rees

Marion Committee Members

Johnathan Henry
David Pierce, Treasurer
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